

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide requirements with respect to United States activities in Afghanistan and Iraq)

On page \_\_\_, between lines \_\_\_ and \_\_\_, insert the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.**

(a) GOVERNANCE.—Activities carried out by the United States with respect to the civilian governance of Afghanistan and Iraq shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

(1) include the perspectives and advice of—

(A) women's organizations in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively;

(2) promote the inclusion of a representative number of women in future legislative bodies to ensure that the full range of human rights for women are included and upheld in any constitution or legal institution of Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively; and

(3) encourage the appointment of women to high level positions within ministries in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively.

(b) POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.—Activities carried out by the United States with respect to post-conflict stability in Afghanistan and Iraq shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

(1) encourage the United States organizations that receive funds made available by this Act to—

(A) partner with or create counterpart organizations led by Afghans and Iraqis, respectively; and

(B) provide such counterpart organizations with significant financial resources, technical assistance, and capacity building;

(2) increase the access of women to, or ownership by women of, productive assets such as land, water, agricultural inputs, credit, and property in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively;

(3) provide long-term financial assistance for education for girls and women in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively; and

(4) integrate education and training programs for former combatants in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively, with economic development programs to—

(A) encourage the reintegration of such former combatants into society; and

(B) promote post-conflict stability in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively.

(c) MILITARY AND POLICE.—Activities carried out by the United States with respect to training for military and police forces in Afghanistan and Iraq shall—

(1) include training on the protection, rights, and particular needs of women and emphasize that violations of women's rights are intolerable and should be prosecuted; and

(2) encourage the personnel providing the training described in paragraph (1) to consult with women's organizations in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively, to ensure that training content and materials are adequate, appropriate, and comprehensive.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there further debate on the amendment? If not, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 1822.

The amendment (No. 1822) was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1823

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk on behalf of Senators STABENOW, DURBIN, BOXER, JOHNSON, and SCHUMER.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr.

JOHNSON, and Mr. SCHUMER, proposes an amendment numbered 1823.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide emergency relief for veterans healthcare, school construction, healthcare and transportation needs in the United States, and to create 95,000 new jobs)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_. A MONTH FOR AMERICA.**

(a) VETERANS HEALTHCARE.—For an additional amount for veterans healthcare programs and activities carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, \$1,800,000,000 to remain available until expended.

(b) SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For an additional amount for the Fund for the Improvement of Education under part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241 et seq.), \$1,000,000,000 for such fund that shall be used by the Secretary of Education to award formula grants to State educational agencies to enable such State educational agencies—

(A) to expand existing structures to alleviate overcrowding in public schools;

(B) to make renovations or modifications to existing structures necessary to support alignment of curriculum with State standards in mathematics, reading or language arts, or science in public schools served by such agencies;

(C) to make emergency repairs or renovations necessary to ensure the safety of students and staff and to bring public schools into compliance with fire and safety codes;

(D) to make modifications necessary to render public schools in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794);

(E) to abate or remove asbestos, lead, mold, and other environmental factors in public schools that are associated with poor cognitive outcomes in children; and

(F) to renovate, repair, and acquire needs related to infrastructure of charter schools.

(2) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The Secretary of Education shall allocate amounts available for grants under this subsection to States in proportion to the funds received by the States, respectively, for the previous fiscal year under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.).

(c) HEALTHCARE.—For an additional amount for healthcare programs and activities carried out through Federally qualified health centers (as defined in section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa))), \$103,000,000 to remain available until expended.

(d) TRANSPORTATION AND JOB CREATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For an additional amount for transportation and job creation activities—

(A) \$1,500,000,000 for capital investments for Federal-aid highways to remain available until expended; and

(B) \$600,000,000 for mass transit capital and operating grants to remain available until expended.

(2) PRIORITY.—In allocating amounts appropriated under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Transportation shall give priority to Federal-aid highway and mass transit projects that can be commenced within 90 days of the date on which such amounts are allocated.

(b) OFFSET.—Each amount appropriated under title II under the heading "OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE—FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT—IRAQ RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND" (other than the amount appropriated for Iraqi border enforcement and enhanced security communications and the amount appropriated for the establishment of an Iraqi national security force and Iraqi Defense Corps) shall be reduced on a pro rata basis by \$5,030,000,000.

(c) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should consider an additional \$5,030,000,000 funding for Iraq relief and reconstruction during the fiscal year 2005 budget and appropriations process.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that this amendment be set aside for the offering of an amendment by the Senator from Rhode Island.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The amendment will be set aside.

The Senator from Rhode Island.

AMENDMENT NO. 1812, AS MODIFIED

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 1812 and send a modification to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. KENNEDY, proposes an amendment numbered 1812, as modified.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The amendment will be so modified.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To increase the amount provided for the Army for procurement of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, to require an Army reevaluation of requirements and options for procuring armored security vehicles, and to provide an offset)

On page 22, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 316. (a) Of the funds provided in this title under the heading "IRAQ FREEDOM FUND", up to \$191,100,000 be available for the procurement of up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles in addition to the number of such vehicles for which funds are provided within the amount specified under such heading.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator KENNEDY be added as a cosponsor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to offer an amendment to ensure that our troops in Iraq and other dangerous areas throughout the world, many of whom are Reservists and members of the National Guard, have the equipment they need to protect themselves. In particular, I would like to discuss the uparmored Humvees which soldiers need to protect themselves from the threat of RPGs and mines and weapons that are inflicting casualties today as we speak in Iraq.